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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/2/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25, 28-33, 36-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Keith B. Scala on 8/16/2006.

In the specification:

a. **Please replace paragraph 2 (lines 8-19) on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 4, depicts another preferred embodiment of the method of the current invention, and illustrates one form of a visual index. The example is of a visual index for U.S. patents associated with detergents and laundry or agricultural applications. Patents in the top section represent the patents that are clustered together because they use vocabulary that describes laundry applications of detergents. Patents in the middle section are clustered together because they use vocabulary that describes agricultural applications of detergents. Patents in the lower section are not relevant to the two categories plotted. Patents that are plotted along an axis, for convenience labeled 1, 6, 11, 16, are patents assigned to individuals. Patents connected by a line belong to a single assignee. FIG. 4 also represents additional information that can be available

with a point and click method, but which may not be initially shown on the visual index.

b. Please replace paragraph 3 (lines 14-18) on page 32 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 is an example of a technology evolution picture or visual patent index for a selected set of patents involving the use of surfactants in laundry and agriculture. Optionally, it is possible to further link each point to additional data or even the entire patent by applying point and click techniques. An example of such a method is also diagrammed in FIG. 4.

c. Please replace paragraph 2 (lines 8-16) on page 42 with the following paragraph:

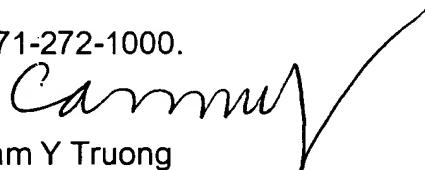
Step 280 is similar to Step 100. In Step 280, a standard picture of patent art evolution in a Technology Topic can be assembled by plotting the patents on an x-y grid with the filing date or issue date along the x-axis with assignees separated along the y-axis. Single patents can be plotted together along an identified section of the y-axis. One or more Technology Topics can be plotted together in the same figure, forming a visual index similar to FIG. 4. It is possible with website-like programming methods to further link each point to additional data or even the entire patent. An example of such a method is also diagrammed in FIG. 4.

Contact Information

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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